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To amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. OBAMA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sheltering All Veterans
5 Everywhere Act” or the “SAVE Reauthorization Act of
6 2005”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds that—

1 (1) homelessness is a serious problem in the
2 United States;

3 (2) veterans, who have served and defended this
4 Nation, are especially at risk for homelessness;

5 (3) the Department of Veterans Affairs esti-
6 mates that more than 250,000 veterans are home-
7 less on any given night;

8 (4) an estimated 1 out of every 3 homeless men
9 served in the Armed Forces;

10 (5) America's homeless veterans have served
11 bravely in World War II, the Korean War, the Cold
12 War, the Vietnam War, and more recent efforts such
13 as Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation
14 Iraqi Freedom;

15 (6) male veterans are twice as likely to become
16 homeless compared to their non-veteran counter-
17 parts;

18 (7) female veterans are almost 4 times as likely
19 to become homeless than their non-veteran counter-
20 parts;

21 (8) it is imperative that the United States Gov-
22 ernment provide homeless or at-risk veterans with
23 the services they need to prevent and end their
24 homeless situations; and

1 (9) the programs reauthorized by this Act pro-
2 vide important housing and services to homeless vet-
3 erans and deserve to be reauthorized.

4 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) AMENDING THE STRUCTURE BY WHICH GRANT
6 AND PER DIEM GRANTEEES RECEIVE PAYMENT.—Section
7 2012(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 “(2) The rate for per diem payments under
10 paragraph (1) shall be the rate authorized for State
11 homes for domiciliary care under section
12 1741(a)(1)(A) of this title.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
14 HOMELESS PROVIDERS GRANT AND PER DIEM PRO-
15 GRAM.—Section 2013 of title 38, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(5) \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006
18 through 2011.”.

19 **SEC. 4. HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PRO-**
20 **GRAMS.**

21 (a) EXPANSION TO INCLUDE VETERANS AT IMMI-
22 NENT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS.—Section 2021(a) of
23 title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and
24 veterans who are at imminent risk of homelessness” after
25 “to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 2 2021(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
 3 by adding at the end the following:

4 “(F) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007
 5 through 2011.”.

6 **SEC. 5. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTREACH**
 7 **SERVICES.**

8 Section 2022 of title 38, United States Code, is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by striking “including particular vet-
 12 erans” and inserting the following: “including—
 13 “(1) particular veterans”; and

14 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 15 inserting the following: “; and

16 “(2) members of the armed forces separating
 17 from active duty.”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
 19 following:

20 “(7) Plans to provide information concerning
 21 homelessness, including risk factors, awareness as-
 22 sessment, and contact information for preventative
 23 assistance associated with homelessness.”; and

24 (3) in subsection (e)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) provision of information concerning home-
7 lessness, including risk factors, awareness assess-
8 ment, and contact information for preventative as-
9 sistance associated with homelessness.”.

10 **SEC. 6. TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY**
11 **MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.**

12 (a) EXTENSION OF GENERAL TREATMENT AUTHOR-
13 IZATION.—Section 2031(b) of title 38, United States
14 Code, is amended by striking “2006” and inserting
15 “2011”.

16 (b) EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES AUTHOR-
17 IZATION.—Section 2033(d) of title 38, United States
18 Code, is amended by striking “2006” and inserting
19 “2011”.

20 **SEC. 7. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF SEC-**
21 **RETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO TRANS-**
22 **FER PROPERTIES OBTAINED THROUGH**
23 **FORECLOSURE OF VA HOME MORTGAGES.**

24 Section 2041 of title 38, United States Code, is
25 amended by striking subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 8. GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH**
 2 **SPECIAL NEEDS.**

3 Section 2061(c) of title 38, United States Code, is
 4 amended by striking “fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005”
 5 and inserting “fiscal years 2005 through 2011”.

6 **SEC. 9. EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTAL CARE.**

7 Section 2062(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “, for a period
 10 of 60 consecutive days,”; and

11 (2) by striking paragraph (3).

12 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
 13 **HOMELESS VETERAN SERVICE PROVIDER**
 14 **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

15 Section 2064(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
 16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 18 are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of
 19 fiscal years 2006 through 2011 to carry out the programs
 20 under this section.”.

21 **SEC. 11. ANNUAL REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS**
 22 **VETERANS.**

23 Section 2065(b) of title 38, United States Code, is
 24 amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(6) Information on the efforts of the Secretary
 26 to coordinate the delivery of housing and services to

1 homeless veterans with other Federal departments
2 and agencies, including—

3 “(A) the Department of Defense;

4 “(B) the Department of Health and
5 Human Services;

6 “(C) the Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development;

8 “(D) the Department of Justice;

9 “(E) the Department of Labor;

10 “(F) the Interagency Council on Homeless-
11 ness; and

12 “(G) the Social Security Administration.”.

13 **SEC. 12. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VETERANS.**

14 Section 2066 of title 38, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 “(E) The Executive Director of the Inter-
19 agency Council on Homelessness (or a rep-
20 resentative of the Executive Director).”; and

21 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “December
22 31, 2006” and inserting “September 30, 2011.”

1 **SEC. 13. STUDY ON MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA AND HOME-**
2 **LESSNESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
4 2007, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit a re-
5 port containing the results of a study on the intersection
6 of military sexual trauma and homelessness and effective
7 service models for addressing trauma among homeless vet-
8 erans to—

9 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
10 Senate;

11 (2) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
12 Senate;

13 (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
14 House of Representatives; and

15 (4) the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (b) CONTENTS.—The study required under sub-
18 section (a) shall include—

19 (1) an examination of a possible correlation be-
20 tween military sexual trauma and homelessness
21 among veterans;

22 (2) a summary description of effective service
23 models for assembling various treatment modalities
24 and environments for treating homeless veterans
25 who have experienced military sexual trauma; and

1 (3) an outcome evaluation of the “Seeking
2 Safety” treatment regime made available by the Sec-
3 retary to homeless female veterans.

4 (c) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated for fis-
5 cal years 2006 and 2007 to the Department of Veterans
6 Affairs for medical services to veterans, the Secretary shall
7 make available such sums as may be necessary to conduct
8 the study under subsection (a).

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